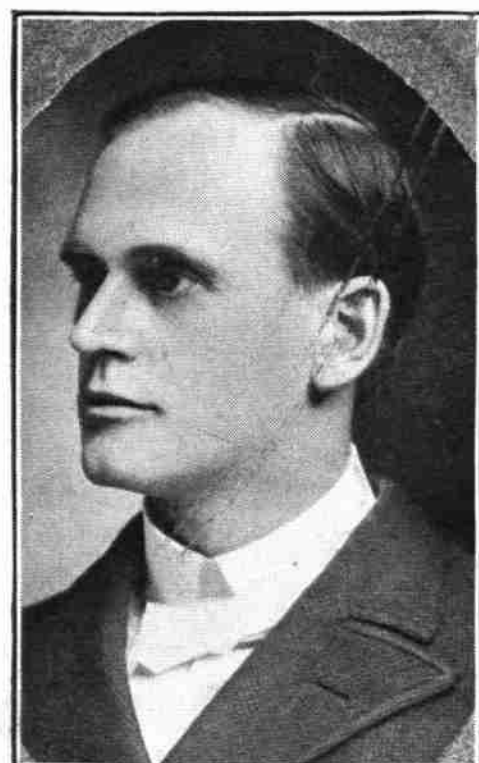


## A Ten Days' Bible School

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**I**N our school the Bible is taught five days in the week, with emphasis on Sunday-school work. Our work is the same as others are doing, but there is one feature which, I think, is unique, because of its bearing on one phase of that work.



Pres. R. W. McGranahan

Mr. Hartshorn made a statement about a desire to reach out farther than the students and farther than the school. For fifteen years after the school year, we have held a ten days' Bible school on our campus, beginning the next day after commencement. Very many of the students stay to it and we have studied ways and means.

The Board of Control pays the expenses, and the boarding and other expenses while the students are there; they pay about one half of the room expenses; the result has been that about three-fourths of those engaged in the work who have graduated from the school and from other preparatory schools, stay for about ten days' session, and I don't believe there are ten days in the year when more is accomplished in effective training.

Would it not be a good plan if the man who is to be employed by the Association should come to the schools and conduct the ten days' school of method and Sabbath-school work? and there might be a great deal accomplished and something done to reach the Sunday-school. I don't believe it is going to accomplish much to simply get the pastors together, but a good deal might be done to have those directly connected with the Sunday-school get together and study ways and means.

I am glad that so much has been said about the importance of procuring the sympathy of the Southern white man. I do think that that is absolutely fundamental, and I have

wondered what is going to be done along that line. I don't know what the committee is considering. It makes no matter, if the committee endorses him we shall have a wide open door in Knoxville College without any restrictions. We will welcome him. But I have been wondering if in their securing these men, the committee would not be able to lay their hands on some Southern white men,—men consecrated to that work, who would come to it gladly, and with all sincerity and earnestness, and in addition to this be able to put this great object which is so much on our hearts before the pupil in a better way because of their sympathy and the fact that they want to help our Southern negroes.

I did not intend to speak so long, but I do believe that our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn, through this Conference, are doing more, perhaps, to see that this work is properly started and that the white man of the South and the black man are brought together, than anything else that has come in the course of a great many years.



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